

**CHAPTER NO. 467**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1716**

**By Curtis S. Person, Jr.**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1265**

**By Hensley, DuBois**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to health care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-109, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) of that section in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-116, is amended by deleting that section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-102, is amended by inserting the following as a new subdivision (3) thereto:

(3) "Title" means the recognized professional abbreviation or professional designation immediately following or immediately below the person's name indicating the professional license or certification held by such person.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

Consistent with this act and their respective practice acts, the boards of the respective branches of the healing arts shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 5, and of their respective practice acts, to regulate the nature, manner, content, and extent of advertising and the use of titles by practitioners of such healing arts who are under the jurisdiction of such boards, including advertising pertaining to board certification and specialty. Those boards which have already adopted such rules and regulations are not required to adopt additional rules and regulations unless and until deemed necessary and appropriate by those boards.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

Consistent with this act and their respective practice acts, the boards of the respective branches of the healing arts are hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 5, which establish sanctions for violations of this chapter by members of the professions they regulate. Such sanctions may include civil penalties, suspension or revocation of license.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 2005

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR